## The State of New Hampshire By His Excellency Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

## A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty One

## THANKSGIVING DAY NOVEMBER 25, 2021

WHEREAS, in the autumn of 1621, the Pilgrims held a three-day feast to celebrate the plentiful harvest they reaped following their first winter in North America; and

WHEREAS, the first national Thanksgiving Day, proclaimed by President George Washington, was November 26, 1789, and President Abraham Lincoln, proclaimed the first annual national holiday in 1863, establishing the date as the last Thursday of November at the behest of nationally celebrated editor and author, and daughter of New Hampshire, Sarah Josepha Hale; and

WHEREAS, on Thanksgiving Day, New Hampshire citizens and all Americans come together to enjoy the fellowship of family and friends with a feast that symbolizes the many blessings of our lives; and

WHEREAS, while Thanksgiving is a time to gather in a spirit of gratitude with family, friends, and neighbors, it is also an opportunity to serve others and to share our blessings with those in need; and

WHEREAS, as citizens we pause to consider our good fortunes, and are especially mindful of the heroic men and women who serve and have served our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 25, 2021 as THANKSGIVING DAY in the State of New Hampshire, and call this day to the attention of all citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor